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RE: MDL 1456 - In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation,
State of California et al. v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc. et al., Dist. Court Mass. No.
1:03-cv-11226-PBS

Dear Mr. Alba:

Please find attached for electronic filing The State of California's Application to File Supplemental Brief Regarding the Issue of Federal Preemption of Rebate Claims; The State of California's Supplemental Brief Regarding the Issue of Federal Preemption of Rebate Claims; Exhibit A, Declaration of Thomas A. Temmerman, Sr. Assistant Attorney General In Support of Supplemental Brief Regarding the Issue of Federal Preemption of Rebate Claims, as well as the Certificate of Service.

A courtesy copy will be filed via UPS along with an extra copy for the Court to conform and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped UPS envelope. Thank you for your courtesy and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

_____) MDL No. 1456
IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY) Master File No. 01-12257-PBS
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION)
_____) (Matter to be submitted on
) the pleadings)
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)
State of California, et al v. Abbott Laboratories et al)
CASE #: 1:03-cv-11226-PBS) Judge Patti B. Saris
_____)

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S APPLICATION TO FILE
SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REGARDING THE ISSUE
OF FEDERAL PREEMPTION OF REBATE CLAIMS

California's motion to dismiss its Medicaid rebate claims without prejudice, along with its Motion to Remand, were heard before this court on December 12, 2003. The Court heard California's motion at the same time as it heard the motions to dismiss filed by the defendants in the Montana and Nevada cases. Federal preemption over Medicaid rebate fraud claims was raised in the Montana and Nevada pleadings but not raised in the context of California's arguments. However, during the hearing, the Court inquired about the effect on California's rebate claims and its pending motion to dismiss if the court found that the rebate claims were preempted by federal law whereby only the federal government could prosecute the claims.

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As California has not briefed this issue, it respectfully submits and request that the court accept and review these supplemental points and authorities on the issue of preemption over rebate fraud claims. See attached Exhibits A & B.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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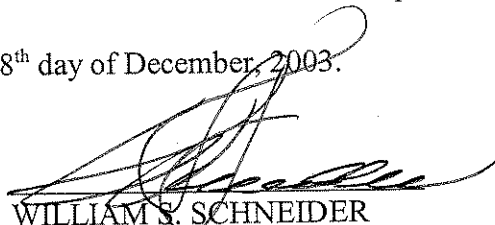
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I, William S. Schneider, Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse, for the State of California, caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing:

1. The State of California's Application to File Supplemental Brief Regarding the Issue of Federal Preemption of Rebate Claims;
2. Exhibit A - The State of California's Supplemental Brief Regarding the Issue of Federal Preemption of Rebate Claims; and,
3. Exhibit B - Declaration of Thomas A. Temmerman, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, In Support of Supplemental Brief Regarding the Issue of Federal Preemption of Rebate Claims.

to be served electronically on counsel of record on the Master Service List, pursuant to Section E of the Case Management Order No. 2, this 18th day of December, 2003.



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